

Remarks

Claims 1, 5, 11 and 15 have been amended. Claims 4 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 19, 20 and 21 have been introduced. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter is found in claims 3-6, 10 and 12-18. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 11 to include the subject matter of claims 4 and 14 considered by the examiner to be allowable.

Applicant has also introduced new independent claims 19, 20 and 21 involving the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 3 considered to be allowable.

Conclusion:

Applicant is of the opinion that this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues. Accordingly, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration on the basis of these remarks is solicited.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2009 for which the three-month date for response was April 22, 2009. A request for a two (2) month extension of the time to respond to the Official Action is hereby made, bringing the date for response to June 22, 2009. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1069).

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Respectfully submitted,

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